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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Stephan Appen et al.

Applic. No. : 09/931,686

Filed : August 16, 2001

Title : Apparatus for the Automated Testing,  
Calibration and Characterization of Test  
Adapters

Examiner : Paresh H. Patel

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2003, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, Applicants elect the species of Fig. 3 and further elect the species of Fig. 5 for prosecution at this time.

Applicants will consider in due time whether or not to file a divisional for any non-elected species.

The following claims read on the elected species: claims 1-12  
and 14-19.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on  
the merits, and the allowance of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Markus Nolf", is written over a horizontal line.

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